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Freedom Singers To Sing Here

Left to right Mr. Charles Neblett, Miss Bernoce Johnson hands behind back, Cordell Reagon, and Rutha Harris, are shown as they sing the some of Freedom. The students are part of the student movement from the deep south who took more than an active part in the Albany movement in Albany Georgia recently will appear March 9, at the Yale Law School, Auditorium, on Grove St. between High and York. Admission is Free. All are invited to come out and see these militant young leaders.

You can hear them and sing with them The Song of Freedom.

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Claimed Nurse Begged For Relationship- Cloud Found Guilty, —He Faces 105 Years

Harold Cloud of 148 Ashmun St. taking the stand the first time in the Cloud and Reed rape case, testified recently that he thought the companion of his; knew the nurse and she got into the car willingly.

For some 2 weeks after Cloud and his companion, Harold L. Reed, 21 Bassett St. was arrested for kidnapping and violently raping a 24-year-old, 103 lb., nurse of the Grace New Haven Hospital.

Cloud claimed he had no knowledge of the incident. Now he claims he remembers everything in detail. He admitted that he had a relationship with the girl who offered and begged him 3 times.

Cloud told the court that he thought the girl was a friend of his companion, and had known him for a long time. He claimed the girl continued to beg him as they sat and talked in a vacant lot on Canal St. several times to have a relationship with her before he submitted.

He further claimed that the pretty nurse assured him that she was more than willing for a relationship between him and her, by telling him she would like a constant association between the two.

Cloud said she even invited him to a party she was planning. He claimed then was when he submitted to have a relationship, with this same nurse who accused him of violently raping her.

Cloud's testimony in his own behalf came after Superior Court Judge Philip Pastore denied a motion by Cloud's attorney, Public Defender Richard Sperandeo, to dismiss the charges on the grounds that the nurse had given her consent.

The judge denied the motion after ruling that submission to advances under the threat to force does not imply consent.

The trial was interrupted when he pleaded guilty of the charge of robbery with violence in connection with the mugging the same night of a doctor, Dr. David Kennard of 111 Park St., two hours prior to the kidnapping of the nurse.

He entered the plea after saying that his memory of the event had returned. The physician was robbed of a wallet and $9.

The other companion in the mugging, Lawrence (Snooky) Oliver, 22, of 429 Dixwell Ave., was not implicated in the kidnapping of the nurse.

Cloud testified that after drinking during the afternoon and evening Feb. 5 in a poolroom, the three visited a nurse, known by Oliver, at Grace New Haven Community Hospital.

An alleged insult to three nurses he said, led to the mugging of Dr. Kennard, who slipped out of his coat and fled. Cloud said they meant to return the coat and wallet but bought whiskey instead.

Cloud said he and Reed then returned to the hospital to visit a nurse that Reed knew, and this is when they encountered the nurse who was allegedly attacked.

The State's case against Cloud wound up with testimony by Dr. Abraham Stolman, chief toxicologist for the State Dept. of Health. He identified various stains and hairs on clothing found in Cloud's car.

Dr. Melvin Laubstein, chief resident in gynecology at Grace-New Haven, testified that he examined the nurse early in the morning of Feb. 6 in the hospital's emergency room.

He also told of various bruises on the nurse's face. Under cross examination by Sperandeo, he also said he was unable to determine from his examination whether the sexual relations were voluntary or not.

NEW ELEMENT IN CLOUD RAPE CASE- Two witnesses have been brought forward in the Cloud & Reed rape case. Ben Carr the owner of a barber shop in the Dixwell Ave. community told the court recently that Cloud had been in his barber shop with a white woman. However, Carr did not make a positive identification of the photo which was presented to him. He said that the photo did resemble the girl that Cloud had brought to his barber shop.

Cloud also said that he was brought in by Richard C. Dowdy, Human Relations Advisory Council for the city of New Haven.

Also testified in Cloud being connected with the nurse in question, was a New Haven woman. The woman said she had seen Cloud and the nurse together the last part of the summer of 1962. She said the white woman appeared between the ages of 23-25, weighing about 135 lbs. and had dark hair. When the picture was presented to her for positive identification the woman identified the nurse as being the same white woman she had seen him with previously.

The nurse was reported to be in Boston at the present time studying for peace corps work along with her husband. They have plans of going abroad to Peru to be of the peace corps service in that country. However, she will now be returned to New Haven for further questioning.

Despite two witnesses who came forward to testify that they had seen Cloud with a white woman and one of the witnesses said that the white woman was the nurse who accused Cloud and Reed of raping her after they kidnapped her. The judge found Cloud guilty of rape with violence. Cloud facing 105 year jail term, he will face the judge Tuesday, March 12.

Being a Negro male guilty or not guilty, you must suffer when ever you are accused of raping a white woman any where in this Prejudice Country - The U.S.A.

Miss. Negroes Are Still Slaves

"Terror still hangs over the Negro in Mississippi and is an expectancy for those who refuse to accept their color as a badge of inferiority." In grim words, the Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights reported on the plight of Negroes in America's most bigoted state and criticized the Kennedy administration for not providing the protection due them as U.S. citizens.

Released in Washington and almost ignored by the nations daily press, the report charged that "nearly half the citizens of the State of Mississippi are being denied their fundamental right." The committee headed by a white housewife, Mrs. Wallis I Schutt of Jackson, accused the Justice Department, the Commission on Civil Rights and Congress for failing to take any action to curb physical abuse of Negro Mississippians by state and local police officials. Seven complaints described in the report show unprovoked attacks on Negro men, women and children by police officials, arbitrary arrests, mistreatment in prison and levying of unjust fines. These cases were screened from more than 150 reported to the group.

The report quoted one Negro who was arrested as asking, "What are the charges?" The police officer replied "for being a nigger." Taken to jail the Negro was slapped, knocked down and kicked. Similar incidents are rampant throughout the state, the report alleged indicating a virtual reign of terror throughout the state.

Pinpointing actual cases, the report contended that Negroes "Must accept an inferior station in life and an attitude of servility or endanger themselves and their families by protesting." It said "from the moment a Negro adult is hailed as a 'boy or girl' by a police officer, through his arrest, detention and trial - during which his Negro lawyer is treated with contemptuous familiarity by the judge and eventual imprisonment, he is treated with promiscuous difference." The report stated that police brutality is a continuing problem throughout the state, is ignored by the state's press and demanded a prompt probe.

However the committee charged that despite the fact that a hearing is needed in Mississippi more than in any other state, the Civil Rights Commission had refused to hold such a hearing for the past five years. Blaming the state government for refusing to do anything about the police brutality problem, the committee accused the Justice Department of "closing its eyes to state and local official treatment of Negroes and of having a role unduly and unwisely narrow." It was charged that the federal government failed to provide Negroes of Mississippi protection due them as citizens.

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Hayden's Flowers Are Good

Mrs. Etta Hayden, proprietor of Hayden's Florist Shop, 519 Dixwell Avenue, shown as she presents freshly cut Iris flowers to Miss. Brenda Sharpe, secretary of the Open Gate News, after the secretary purchased a gift of flowers for a friend at Hayden Florist Shop.

Mrs. Hayden is a resident of 84 Henry St., New Haven. She received her diploma from the New York School of Floristry last November.

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SIT-INS O.K.WITH NAACP

The NAACP hailed the demonstrations in front of the South Carolina State Capital on March 2, and said that it would broaden and encourage the use of peaceful protests as a means of achieving full citizenship rights. Supreme Court reversed the convictions of the 187 students who did the demonstrating.

Dr. John A. Morsell, NAACP asst. executive sec. said the decision of the Supreme Court "fully vindicates the right of Americans to protest, demonstrate and to petition for redress of their grievances."

"These youths were members of the NAACP and were arrested and convicted solely because they exercised their constitutional right to demand abolition of racial segregation. The Southern tradition of stifling dissent has been one of the major causes of lagging democracy in that region."

Gratification was expressed by the youths counsel that 187 students would not have to go to jail, "this decision", Jack Greenberg said, reaffirms the American principle that peaceful protest against racial segregation is awful under the American form of government."

The court had a 8-1 decision, and reversed lower court decision and held that the arrests of the students, the majority from Columbia's high school, and Benedict College, violated their freedom of speech and assembly.

Walker Appoints Official

Frank T. Walker, 64 Orlando Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts-NAACP's New England Regional President announces:

The appointment of Mrs. Jeanetta H. Clark, 4 Woodward Avenue, South Norwalk, Connecticut, as chairman of the New England Regional Conference of NAACP's Legislation Committee for the State of Connecticut Mrs. Clark, a past-president of the New England Regional Conference of NAACP will coordinate all activities of NAACP's nineteen chapters in the State of Connecticut in support of strong civil rights legislation in the Connecticut's General Court in the areas of housing and labor.

The New England Regional Conference of NAACP has nineteen chartered chapters in the following Connecticut localities:

Hartford, New Haven, New London, New Britain, Waterbury, Danbury, New Canaan, Meriden, Stamford, Norwalk, Ansonia, Suffield, Greenwich, Ridgefield, Colchester, Bridgeport-Stratford, Portland-Middletown, Litchfield County, (Torrington) and Connecticut Valley (Plainville).

In the concluding paragraph of the communication sent to all NAACP Leaders in the State of Connecticut announcing the appointment of Mrs. Jeanetta H. Clark, Mr. Walker stated: "Let's commemorate the Centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation with improved and stronger civil rights laws in the State of Connecticut."

AFRICAN IMPORTS CAUSE PROTEST

The American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa is in a real protest against the Sec. of Agriculture O. Freeman who announced that he would seek 52, 162 tons of sugar from South Africa.

"Some people in high places in Washington don't seem to have too much concern about the conflict between South Africa's racial apartheid policy and our own country's adherence to human rights as expressed in the Constitution of the U.S., the U.N.'s Declaration of Human Rights, and Supreme Court decrees," Theodore Brown, conference director, stated.

Brown reported that the U.S. had cancelled the sugar quota formerly allocated to Cuba, but had given much of that allocation to South Africa.

"We do not object to this allocation being withdrawn from Cuba because of its current adherence to Communist doctrine. This regard we support our government, but why give it to South Africa, whose denial of equality to non-white citizens is equally reprehensible?" Brown asked.

At its conference at Arden House last November, Negro leaders expressed bitter opposition to many positions taken by United Nations in regard to South Africa's apartheid policy.

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Parents Boycott In Englewood

A group of Negro parents in Englewood, New Jersey, who have staged two sit-ins over the weekend, met and set forces in motion which they say "enables us to resume boycotting merchants and business at any moment."

Rev. Isaiah Goodman leader of the sit-ins said: "We want this business of racial imbalance and inferior education for our Negro children settled without boycotts and sit-ins. But we vow we will continue them until our children are moved from the inferior, segregated schools they are being forced to attend by this administration."

Agroup of eight parents sat-in at the offices of Governor Richard Hughes in Trenton, and pledged that they would remain there until the Governor came back from his Fla. vacation.

The group called the demonstration off because the Gov. wrote back to them in reply and said they could sit as long as they wanted but he would not be back any time soon.

Again the parents were led by the Rev. Goodman and picketed three predominantely white schools, to protest the city administration's failure to adopt a budget which allowed funds to be used for desegregating the city's schools.

The group declares that they are ready to start picketing the city officials at any given moment.

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We bring you this story according to fight for freedom which are facts compiled from naacp records and newspaper articles passed down for many generations. Read this article and ask yourself if you would fight again.

When in April, 1917, the United States entered World War I against the Germans under the slogan, "Make the World Safe for Democracy," Negroes in the military services at home were entirely segregated. Whites and blacks neighbor trained nor fought together-but white officers commanded Negro troops. "Tote that barge, boy, lift that bale," might well have been a Negro slogan for service, since most Negroes were assigned to stevedore or labor battalions. In the Navy, Negroes could serve only as cooks or messmen. They were not enrolled in the Marines or in the aviation units, for these were for whites only. The Army was the main branch of the services that utilized Negroes. But within a week after the declaration of war Negro quotas were filled, and recruiting centers stopped accepting Negro volunteers. Yet when draft calls were issued, southern draft boards called up Negroes wholesale, frequently granting no exemptions. The result was that although Negroes constituted scarcely 10 percent of the national population, they supplied 13 percent of the inductees. About 2000,000 Negro soldiers served overseas.

At the onset of American participation in the war there were no provisions for training Negro officers. The NAACP immediately concerned itself with this problem, as did the students of Howard, Fisk, and Atlanta Universities. Joel Spigarn headed a delegation to Washington to see what could be done. He was told that if 200 Negroes of college grade could be secured, a training center would be established for them. Fifteen hundred names were collected. Mass meetings were held, and pressure was brought to bear on Congress. The South did not want any form of higher training for Negroes; therefore, although opposed to segregation in principle, the NAACP approved a proposal for a separate officers school on the grounds that such a school was in reality "intended to fight segregation, not encourage it." Classes were established at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in the spring of 1917, and 1,250 young Negroes enrolled. In October, 639 Negro officers were commissioned. A partial victory over military prejudice had been won.

Southerners not only opposed the training of Negro officers, but also objected to northern Negro recruits being trained in southern camps. Since many Army officers came from the South, in all camps the months of military training for young Negroes were often especially difficult. Both within and outside the Army camps, the normal courtesies granted other soldiers were not given Negroes. At Camp Lee in Virginia guardsmen even prevented Negroes from attending white religious services. Not a single building in the five YMCA installations on the grounds at Camp Greene in North Carolina was open to Negroes. However, one military "Y" there did provide a table outdoors at which Negro soldiers could write letters.

When Negro servicemen at Fort Riley, Kansas, insisted on attending the post theater, General Ballou, in charge of the all-Negro 92nd Division, issued an official order commanding his men not to go where they were not wanted. When resentment against northern Negroes grew particularly bitter in the town of Spartanburg, South Carolina, where the 15th New York Infantry was in training, military authorities made no attempt to protect their soldiers from it. Drum Major Noble Sissle, who later became one of the outstanding talents in the Broadway theater, was kicked and beaten by a white news vendor because he did not remove his hat when he went to purchase a paper. So incensed

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They Died Like Dogs, But What Do They Get?

More Negroes In White Sections

Many Negro families in New York have been able to move to homes in previously all-white areas.

A study based on recent census figures showed that nearly 5,000 city blocks which formerly were all-white now have one or more Negro families.

George Fowler, chairman of the State Commission for Human Rights told officials of the Middle Atlantic Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Upholding N.Y.'s laws Fowler noted in another statewide survey there were 91 rental-for sale cooperative housing projects that had one or more Negro families as contrasted with only nine such developments with Negro families in 1955.

Proving that integration in housing has not resulted in a mass exodus of whites. Fowler said that New York's results have shown that Negro and Puerto Rican families have been welcomed into new neighborhoods, and their presence made no difference.

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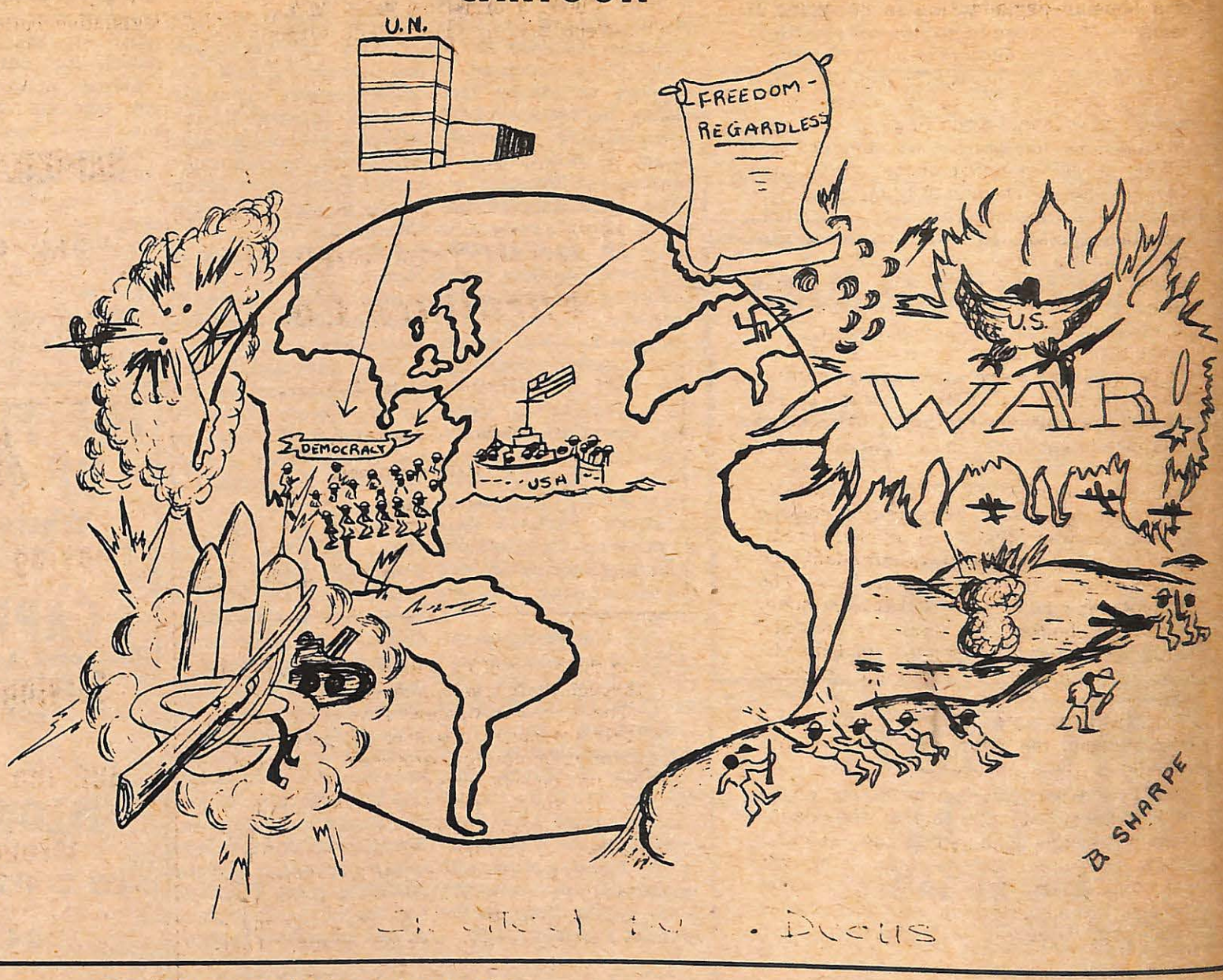

This cartoon emphasizes quite clearly that many of our soldiers have fought and died for a promise of freedom regardless. Yet, freedom was not given them. And it doesn't seem that we will be getting it soon. Just the other day a Negro male was shot by a machine gun in the Deep South, U.S.A., by a citizen of the U.S.A. for only trying to register to vote. We salute this Negro who has passed on for he too died by the hand of the enemy on the battle field of justice and equality.

BEAT AROUND THE CLOCK "THE SIGN OF SPRING"

by the NOSEY REPORTER

WEST HAVEN- the thieves who stole a $90 diamond at midnight on a Sat. nite of last week. They allegedly stole the diamond from the home of C. J. of Brown st. The thieves forced a door and went through the house leaving things in terrible disorder.

There has been reportedly many other breaks in the West Haven area recently. Among them: The home of M. L. of Jessie Dr., West Haven Sheet Metal Co. The home of M. L. even had a meal cooked in his home during his absence. But, the fortunate Sheet Metal Co. only had $15 stolen from a petty cash box.

New Haven - certain Dixwell Ave. resident and store owner who was caught in his act of selling liquor after hours. W. S. of Dixwell Ave. was this man. Police found in their two raids half-pints, some fifths of liquor and wine on hand in Mr. S.'s shop.

There was another case of this sort on White St. where K. D. was booked for keeping liquor with intent to sell and selling without a permit. A case of fifths, a case of half-pints and a case of wine were reportedly found in this man's possession.

The new famed Harold Cloud that we all know is guilty of a few crimes, like: kidnapping, rape, and robbery with violence, was rejected his plea for insanity. Psychiatrists have examined the young man and found this to be untrue.

People are talking about the two brothers who were arrested in a bar room free-for-all. It seems that the young men were refused to be served drinks by the bartender, and they protested in such a way that someone called the police. They were charged with breach of peace, resisting an officer, and being found intoxicated.

There are rumors that a certain leader of a popular organization is not going to register at a prominent, renown institute in the city. He was supposed to be devoting more time to his studies but apparently the pressure is too much for him. Many believe he will leave the city.

HARTFORD-the people in Hartford are talking about the unfortunate police man who was shot by an escaping burglar. The burglar was running from a restaurant in our state capitol, to a car awaiting him outside of an alley way where he assaulted the policeman. The policeman believes that one of the bullets he fired at the man may have knicked him.

NEW HAVEN-remember us talking about the persons who were arrested on gaming charges in this city? Well, 16 of the 17 arrested have confessed guilty to the charge of failure to purchase the occupational tax stamp. The one person who did not plead quilty was automatically found guilty. Fifteen of the defendents were males and one woman. She was Mrs. L. B. of Second St., Hamden, she was the some defendent who pleaded not guilty to the charges. The guilty were; J.D., of 175 Hill St., Hamden, M.A.B., of Shelton Ave., D.S., of View St., C.P., of Eastern Circle, D.G., of Elm St., C.M., of Columbus Ave., and T.C. of Dixwell Ave.

PITTSBURGH, PA.-People there are talking about the poor guy who lost his ring by a tricky stranger. It seems as though the tricky stranger played not to be a stranger but a friend of the man's from years ago. The victim too ashamed at not remembering the man complied and shook hands. The next thing he knew the man had departed and so had his diamond ring, valued at $245. Pretty tricky, hey?

Miss Rose B. Clark of Edgewood Ave., New Haven shown as she leaves for a good time at a 2nd Annual Dance. The dance was sponsored by the Gillison Council #5 and the Lincoln Council #38 I.B.P.O.E. of W. last Saturday night at the V.F.W. Hall, Columbus Ave.

The music was rendered by the Judson Watts Band. Approximately 250 were in attendance.

Miss Clark, a part-time sales woman for the Ortho-Vent Shoe Co. from Salem, Virginia for the past 2 1/2 years.

Guess What? This young lassy will soon be a private detective. And as far as we know she will be New Haven's 1st Negro lady Private Eye. Being a student of the Private Detective Division for some time, will soon conclude her studies and she will set up office as a private detective.

Freedom Singers Sang Here

Students of the Southern Student Movement from the Deep South, moved to New Haven and sang here March 9. The group of five young people, three men and two women, have been touring the northeast and midwest performing in concert giving the spirit of the integration movement through their freedom songs.

The Freedom Singers have been putting their message across to the people performing on college campuses, in churches and on concert stage.

Their songs, the Negro folkmusic which has been singing of a promised land since the days of slavery, has come to be a vital force in the attempt to fulfill that promise today. The songs they sing are old and new .....Negro spirituals, Gospel songs and a new tributary of "freedom songs," bold words set to old melodies.

The Freedom Singers are: Charles Neblett. 21; Cordell Reagon, 19; Rutha Harris. 22; Bernice Johnson. 20; and Carver Neblett. 19. are all field secretaries with SNCC. the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee all active participants in the Negro anti-segregation demonstrations.

Lincoln's Birthday Celebrated By NAACP

Throughout the country the 154th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln was observed. Also the 54th anniversary of the founding of the NAACP, with a series of meetings, conferences, dinners and radio porgrams. There was a lot of emphasis on the 100th birthday of the Emancipation Proclamation.

More than 100 communities presented a radio program, featuring NAACP Executive Roy Wilkins and the Civil War Historian. Bruce Catton, in a discussion of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Many NAACP officials attended President Kennedy's White House reception in honor of the Emancipation Proclatation.

In Roy Wilkins comments on the radio he said, "The NAACP has been a major influence in achieving progress. It has helped to awaken the cours and to cry out to the conscience of white America, all of which have been factors in bringing us to this day when, to be sure, we haven't attained our goal, but are measurably nearer to it than we were 50 years ago."

N.J. Boards Hit For Opposition

Real Estate Boards in New Jersey were charged with inciting the "flames of fear, worry, uncertainty and prejudice" for its spreading of opposition to the New Jersey anti-discrimination housing bill now before the State Senate.

The charge was recorded in a letter written by Teaneck realtor Lester Handlesman who voiced objection to a legislative bulletin distributed by the association, urging action by its members to block passage of the bill.

Handlesman told association president John Rogge, "Your legislative bulletin cites that realtors are against discrimination and are for integration-but by education not legislation.

"What has the association done about discrimination in housing? Rather, the board had tended to fan the flames of fear, worry, uncertainty and prejudice at every turn.

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TWO FOLD PROBE SET, IMMEDIATE ACTION CALLED

A twofold investigation into the alleged unfit food. Also an investigation into the poor housing conditions and outrageous rents in the sum-like Negro section of Congress Ave. is in progress.

Let us point out first the progress we made in securing information in the Dixwell Ave. Market situation. In our last issue editor Jeff Dyous wrote an article based on rumors that several Dixwell Ave area markets were caught selling unfit meats and cheating their patrons out of much of their weekly budget by selling them hamburger containing 60% fat, which the state law only provides they have 30%. 10% cold blood was also alleged mixed in with corn meal was used. We learned that the use of cold blood, with meal, was to prevent shrinkage of the beef meat once it was cooking.

The State law is: hamburger must consist of 70% pure beef, 30% fat, no cold blood or corn meal.

60% fat, 10% blood and corn meal equals 70% garbage!

The editor called upon Mr. Madar, Food Inspector for the State of Connecticut, a representative of the Dept. of Consumers Protection, Food Div., State Capitol Building, Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Madar informed Mr. Dyous that he had no authority to give out information pertaining to places which he finds breaking the law. He also mentioned that he doesn't keep records here due to the fact that he works from his home in Wallingford.

Mr. Dyous called upon Mr. Crane of the Consumers Protection Dept. seeking an interview with him or with his superior, Mr. Eaton Smith chief inspector of the Dept. of Food Consumer's Protection, of the State of Connecticut. Mr. Crane informed the editor that the dept. would be glad to give him an interview. He said it was best to write Mr. Smith, explaining the elements which the interview is sought for.

He also reminded Mr. Dyous that he had read the article which appeared in the last issue of the Open Gate News. He asked him, "what rumors was there, if there was more?"

EDITOR TELLS SENIOR INSPECTOR OF DIXWELL

The editor says, "the Open Gate received many calls and came in contact with many people who tell wild stories about many of the markets in that community. Such as selling grade 2 ham for the price of grade 1; each dozen eggs they sell there are 2-3 rotten eggs; put in pork scrap, veal scrap, and lamb scrap into hamburger meat.

He went on to tell of many other rumors of rackets in the Negro community. Such as a certain market purchased 150 pounds of lamb. There were rumors when the lamb arrived it was spoiled beyond use. However the rumors pointed out that the merchants washed the meat in by-carbon and more than 2/3 of it was sold before the inspectors walked down on them. The rumors also pointed out that the merchants in question probably received a pat on the back and a warning not to do this again.

The rumors further noted that there are other rackets in the markets such as the city Welfare Dept. food stamps.

The editor also called the acting President of the NAACP attorney Earl Williams. The NAACP will discuss this at a meeting next Thursday night. This Wednesday March 6, CORE members also came in on this age old swindle to Negroes in the Dixwell Community.

PLAN PICKETT AND DEMONSTRATION

A pickett is planned for one Friday afternoon continued into Saturday afternoon against these markets to be exposed when the editor returns from Hartford.

The Open Gate and many other organizations believe this to be the largest demonstration ever held in New England.

They expect as many as 5,000 to march on these markets down Dixwell Ave.

The editor said this is of vital importance and we urge every Negro and many of the freedom loving white citizens to take an active part in the mass demonstration when the time comes for your health sake.

TWOFOLD PROBE SET

Also under surveillance is the poor housing condition and outrageous rents in the Congress Ave. section of town.

Many Negroes complained of cock roaches and even rats as large as kittens.

There are also reports that a certain landlord recently purchased a building consisting of 20 apartments in the 700 block.

Complaints are of rents being raised from 50 to 85 dollars per month. Whereas white families living in the same building raised from 45 to 50 dollars per month.

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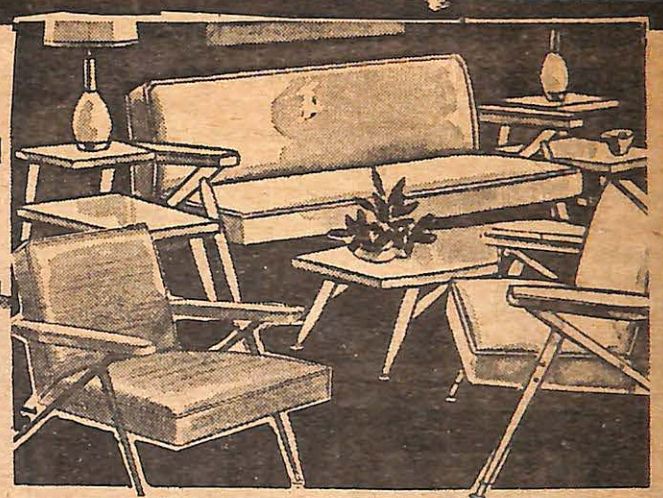

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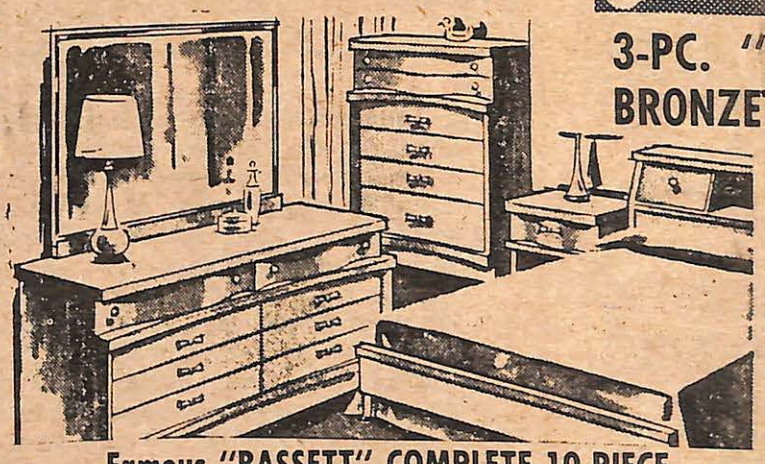

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EX-SLAVE OF 1842 STILL LIVES

Charlie Smith was born in Liberia on July 4, 1842. This was the time when most countries had abolished slavery. But this made no difference to many. Such as the chiefs of African tribes who thought more to trade their people for rum, tools, and the like than to do their people justice.

Not all of the slaves were brought into this type of servitude, but a tricky, brain-washing method was used says Charlie. The last time he saw his mother she was drying fat to make lard. Throughout his village there was word of a boat at the dock which brought to them all sorts of wonderful things.

Charlie was only twelve then, and being this adventurous age he along with some others went down to witness for themselves what the whites were about.

It was a fascinating sight to see these people. The boat with all of it's colors and the sweet smelling flowers. Many of Charlie's people were gathered around to watch in amazement.

With all of the native people around a man began to take them into his scheme. He explained of many good things. He said that he had not come to trade but to give them presents and show them strange things. He told them of plants that grew sugar and cups of syrup, and other trees that grew pancakes.

He went on to say that all of these things were in a land where they would not have to work. And they could just go and pick what they wanted to eat off the trees any time they wanted.

The man told them of a magic plant that would keep the people in good health always. He said that he had some of the fruits that came from this tree, and if the people would come aboard he would give them some.

"Well," says Charlie, "some of us came aboard and he gave us apples. He then motioned us to follow him down the hatch. He showed us huge mirrors, silk draperies and other eye-catching objects."

"He kept us fascinated for a few minutes, but when we walked backkup the hatchway and got on deck, we saw that we were sailing away from shore."

Some of the people complained to the man, but he said that he could not turn back. He told them anyway they would like the new land and that their families could soon join them.

One of the men on the boat decided he was going to jump overboard to reach home again. He was knocked down with a club. As the people looked around they noticed many tough looking sailors just like the one who had knocked the escaping man down. Says Charlie, "I changed my mind about escaping."

After the long trip they finally docked in New Orleans, and were sold. A Galveston rancher bought Charlie. Since the slave owners name was Smith he named Charlie, Charlie Smith and raised him just like one of his own.

During the Civil War Charlie never had a chance to see any of the battles but stayed on the ranch while Smith's sons went to war.

But Charlie did remember when Lincoln freed the slaves. Dad (Smith) called him in and said that he was free and could leave because Lincoln had freed the slaves. "I didn't ~~have~~ any place to go, so I stayed on says Charlie.

After the war was over Charlie Smith went to Florida and wandered around from one job to another. This he has been doing since 1898.

When others were much younger than Charlie they were drawing Social Security benefits, finally at 103 a crew foreman persuaded him to apply for a Social Security card. At the time of obtaining Social Security he was picking oranges.

Yes, Charlie was twenty-one when Abe Lincoln freed the slaves in 1863, and was thirty-nine when Garfield was assassinated nearly eighty-one years ago.

At present he is as straight as a cigar store indian, keeps his weight at about 130-135 pounds and is five-feet seven. He has only been sick once in his life. That was recently with a kidney disorder. He smokes about a pack of cigarettes a day, drinks a little gin now and then and eats a light diet of mostly fruit, cereal, milk, and sodas.

Smith has been married three times in his life and is presently single. He says he has many girl friends and is still looking for more. Could this be true?

If Charlie lives to his next birthday July 4, he will be 121 years old. The oldest man in America.

Mary Wells Sues To Get Divorce

Mary Wells popular singer of the day has filed suit in Detroit Circuit Court against her husband. Herman Griffin. It really looks as though she wants to become a free woman.

Mary was married to Griffin in June, 1961. Griffin is also in show business, as a singer, but he has a long way to go before catching the heights of his wife.

In her bill of particulars, Mary is seeking to recover funds she claims to have entrusted to her husband's safe keeping that are reported to be up to $10,000.

In the past two years she's had several hit records that sold over the 500,000 mark. They are, "Bye Bye Baby," "Two Lovers," and "Beat Me to the Punch".

At the present Miss Wells is on a nation-wide tour.

Open Gate Watches Excitement

by Nosey Reporter

NEW HAVEN–A few days ago the members of the office of the Open Gate News, Kensington St., New Haven, got an eye-full of many of the things I the Nosey Reporter write about.

About 12:45 p.m. one patrol car pulled up to the address next door to the Open Gate News office. This car was followed by another car. The policeman piled out and ran for an apartment on the premises next door.

All work stopped in the Open Gate office. Everyone grabbed their coats and piled into the street. For a moment there was scuffling in the house and loud noises.

Finally out came the policemen with the man handcuffed, namely E., of 45 Kensington St. E. was dressed in only a shirt, pants and house shoes.

However after placing E. in the squad car, and waiting for the paddy wagon to arrive, the police upon E.'s request permitted a friend of E.'s to go into the house and get a jacket and a pair of shoes for him before they took him to jail.

E. was allegedly involved in an incident the preceeding night and was arrested the next day, when two of his kind escorted police to where E. lived.

Just how deeply E. was involved it is not known to me at this time. But police told a woman that lives in the same apartment with E., that there was no need to call a bondsman for him, for they were going to put him in the cooler and throw the key away.

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Our Soldiers Died To Obtain Freedom But Freedom Never Came

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were his fellow soldiers that a near-riot ensued, and for days the situation remained tense.

Emmett J. Scott, special Negro consultant to the Secretary of War, was sent to Spartanburg to report on the situation and, ironically, to plead with the Negro servicemen not to "dishonor" their regiment. But some of the soldiers were of the opinion that war at mome might be of more value to them than war abroad; they preferred to fight the Klan in the South rather than the Germans in Europe. Their white officers feared that if the regiment was kept in South Carolina, violence might erupt. But if it was sent to another camp, the Southerners might think they could ever thereafter force the War Department to evauate Negro soldiers whenever they wished. The Negroes themselves were afraid that the least incident might be grounds for court-martialing their troops and giving them severe d
ing them severe sentences. What the War Department therefore did hurriedly, was to order the whole unit overseas to face the German juggernaut. Thus because of southern prejudice the 15th New York Infantry became the first Negro combat group to face enemy fire on the European front.

The Negroes of the 24th Infantry in Houston, however, were not so lucky. Instead of being given such a fighting chance, 13 of its soldiers were sentenced to death by hanging and 41 to life imprisonment for the death of 18 white people. The Negro soldiers, desperate over the brutalities of the Houston Police and the taunts and insults of white civilians, had used their weapons in retaliation during the riots of September, 1917, after a number of Negro soldiers had been beaten and disarmed. The military court-martial of these soldiers was the largest mass murder trial in the history of the United States. Negroes did not feel that these men had been given a fair chance. The New York Age cried, "So sure as there is a God in heaven, at some time and in some way full justice will be done." The NAACP sent Martha Gruening, a white writer, to the scene of the Houston riots; her findings were reported in The Crisis. The entire Negro press protested the trials, Just before Christman, the 13 Negro soldiers were hanged. Many called this "a legal lynching." But that same year 47 other Negroes were lynched without even a pretense of a trial.

Although it lost its battle to save the 13 condemned Negro soldiers from death, the NAACP continued its defense of the other 41. The fight was kept up for years, and included the submission to Presidents Wilson, Harding, and Coolidge of petitions bearing respectively 12,000; 50,000; and 125,000 signatures. Some additional death sentences were commuted, and all the prison terms were reduced. Only the bureaucratic stubborness of the War Department kept the remainder in jail. On April 19, 1938, Stewart W. Phillips, the last of the prisoners, was released.

Shortly before the Houston riots more than 100 Negro men and women had been killed and 6000 driven from their burning homes in East St. Louis by a white mob who objected to the employment of Negroes in a plant that held government contracts. Martha Gruening and Dr. Du Bois were sent to the scene to gather facts for the NAACP. A newspaper in Tennessee announced in advance that a Negro would be burned alive, and some 3000 spectators gathered to witness the spectacle. (Nor was this the only such instance.)

Stirred by such events, 15,000 Negroes led by the NAACP marched one Sunday down New York's Fifth Avenue in a "Silent Protest Parade" against America's ever-spreading racial terror. When, early in 1918, John R. Shillady was appointed executive secretary of the NAACP to succeed Roy Nash (who resigned to join the 92nd Division as a captain), one of Shilady's first acts was to send the following telegram to President Wilson:

"We beg of you to break your silence and to denounce properly these terrible mob acts which cover us with shame and humiliation at the moment when we as a nation would speak for justice and righteousness, for decency and humanity abroad."

Ten days later, James Weldon Johnson headed a delegation to the President bearing a petition containing 12,000 signatures that requested clemency for the accused Negro soldiers of the 24th Infantry who were still alive-but in prison or under indictment-after the Houston hangings. One result of this protest was that Wilson granted clemency to five of the men who had been sentenced to death at the second Houston court-martial. But Negro protests against injustices to both soldiers and civilians continued to mount throughout the winter and spring. Finally, in July, the President issued a long-delayed statement on lynching: "I therefore very earnestly and solemnly beg that the governors of all the states, the law officers of every community in the United States all who revere America and wish to keep her name without stain or reproach, will fully make an end of this disgraceful evil. It cannot live where the community does not countenance it." How little attention the South paid to its President's words is indicated by the fact that there were more lynchings in 1918 than in the predeeding year. Of the 67 persons killed by mobs in 1918, two were women-one an expectant mother-and six were children.

Without reason there has been great persecution towards the black people in America, and some other countries. However, this is not considered by most people a great harm or a disgracefull act.

For instance, the Germans reportedly exterminated 6 million Jews. Eikman gave the reason for the extermination as, the Jews had the government of the entire European theater (union of contries) tied up under their control. And if not under their sole control they had certain ways of blocking trade between Germany and any other European countries.

Many of the German records show that the German government had to pay almost twice as much for certain raw materials which were purchased from European countries and even an extremely high inter-country, cross-country fee for products purchased in America, and South America. It was also almost impossible for the Germans to live normally and most of all get the raw materials which the Germans needed to prepare for a war in which Adolf Hitler planned to take over the known world.

This is the reason the Germans gave for the extermination of 6 million Jews and yet it is the most talked about thing that exists in our times.

Everyone can so willingly talk and write about the savage mass murdering performed against the Jews. How many talk or write about the 270,000 Africans who were exterminated by the Germans in the same war? And for no justifiable reason!

The Africans did no wrong in or out of governmental German affairs. They were persecuted and exterminated merely because they were black.

These poor people were taken by the shiploads to Germany for execution. Many thousands were executed on the African soil. And believe it or not the only reason they were executed was to skin them like animals and use their skins to make shoes for the German soldiers. Also to make beautiful colored street lamp posts for the cities in Germany. There are reports of this incident even points out that thousands upon thousands of lamp shades in the homes of the wealthy German's were made from the African's skins.

Can you imagine taking human beings and killing them by the thousands to make shoes and lighting facilities and all for the convenience and enjoyment of one's self?

Can you imagine all of this being done to a race that was not able to protect themselves from this horrible, incredible factor? Yet, how many people write about this? Did you ever hear about this before? How many talk about it?

These are black people. It's alright if they're exterminated, lynched, or burned alive. Who cares any way? Is this the general attitude of the world's public?

I will answer that question for you. It probably is. I suppose by now the black people should know they are the ones to bind themselves in such an effort that any further persection and extermination against them will be eliminated in the future. I am only a voice crying in the wilderness, can you hear me?

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SCSC To Hold Experimental Workshops On The Teaching Of Logical Reasoning

New Haven: Selected school teachers from school systems in the greater New Haven area will be able to attend an experimental workshop on the teaching of logical reasoning at Southern Connecticut State College.

Dean Evann Middlebrooks and Dr. Francis J. Degan, Chairman of the SCSC Department of Mathematics, announce that this workshop will be tuition free and will carry no academic credit. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, at 4:00 p.m. and the group will meet each Wednesday for ten weeks.

Mr. Layman Allen, Assistant Professor at the Yale Law School is the instructor and he will be assisted by members of the Southern Connecticut staff. The workshop will revolve around the use of a logical game, called "Wff'n Proof" developed by Mr. Allen, in the course of his work with the ALL project (Accelerated Learning of Logic), the game makes use of cubes, the faces of which are lettered with the common symbols of logical statements. The form of the game to be introduced by Mr. Allen in this workshop is the final edition and the result of three years of experimental work conducted under the auspices of the Carnegie Corporation.

"Preliminary experience with these materials has been extremely favorable," said Dr. Degnan. "The workshop is for teachers in grades 6 through 10 and will be restricted to a maximum enrollment of 24 teachers.

"This will not be a workshop restricted to the teaching of arithmetic and mathematics. Its purpose is much more fundamental: it is a serious attempt to study a method and to become familiar with materials designed to teach children to think logically.

"Success in the project will have important applications in all areas of study. It is important to note that the understanding of the materials to be presented in this workshop does not require a knowledge of college mathematics."

Teachers in the upper grades who are interested in attending this workshop may contact their local supervisors and apply. Those who desire more information concerning the purposes of the workshop should call Dr. Degnan at the Southern Connecticut campus.

'THEY CALL ME 'TRAITOR' SAYS BELAFONTE

"My wife is Jewish, I was born a Catholic.

"My wife is–I say this as a kind of sociological definition–she is white.

"I am Negro.

"I didn't marry her because she was white.

"I didn't fall in love with her because I believe in integration.

"Negroes call me a traitor because I have moved out of the ghetto–because I have married outside the tribe:

"When they say these things, I ask them:

"What is it in my life that you would deny me which is not, in fact, something you yourself believe should be your legitimate right?"

"Do you say that you should just go into integrated schools but that human relationships should end there?

"Are you saying that I must now direct my children never to become emotionally involved with peoples of other races, never to fall in love with them?

"Are you saying that I should place restrictions on them as restrictions have been placed on us?"

These are the words of Harry Belafonte who has won fame and fortune as a singer, but he has also been showered with a lot of abuse by some Negroes who accuse him of "betraying the race" because he married a white woman.

Belafonte told a former Connecticut resident, Anthony Quinn of his whole situation. Quinn who is Mexican and Irish also like Belafonte's children may be, knows quite a bit about discrimination as a young boy growing up in California.

The important thing in discrimination, Belafonte declared, is "standing up under the attacks of other people" – even when the other people are members of one's own race or nationality. What do you say?

N.Y.C. Proprietors Sweated It Out

The New York City tavern and bar owners awaited in a state of nervousness for their mail each day last week for renewal of their licenses.

New York State Liquor Authorities were extra careful in their renewals, because of the graft and corruption.

Restaurants and package stores must have new liquor licenses or they will be unable to open for business.

District Attorney Frank Hogan's officer revealed that he had sent Asst. Dist. Att. David Goldstein to Fla. to seek to compel Mrs. Martin C. Epstein, wife of the former SLA chairman who was fired last December for not appearing before the probe to testify before the grand jury.

The vacationing Epstein's and a spokeman for Mr. Hogan said they want to question Mrs. Epstein on bank accounts the couple have.

YOUR FAMILY COLUMN by Brenda Sharpe

Miss Virginia Covington, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jeremiah Covington, of 716 Shelton Ave. New Haven is engaged to Mr. John C. Wright, son of Mr. & Mrs. Marion Write, of Hemingway, S.C.

The engagement was announced by Virginia's parents recently. The wedding is to take place April 24, 1963.

5 year old. .

Little Miss Carolyn Jenkins, of 51 Kendington St., New Haven, whose picture appeared in the Open Gate News recently at her 5th birthday party, shedded her first tooth just the other day. Darolyn walked to her mirror to see if she would look any different and to her surprise she did. For there was a big gap in the front of her mouth.

king engaged...

Miss Brenda Jones, 119 Davenport Ave., the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Willie McBride is engaged to Mr. Robert Lowry, of New Haven. The wedding is to be announced.

dr. to speak here...

Dr. J.H. Jackson, of Chicago, President of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. is expected to be the honorary speaker in an Emancipation Centennial celebration here April 23.

The Rev. William M. Philpot, pastor of Community Baptist Church was named the program chairman.

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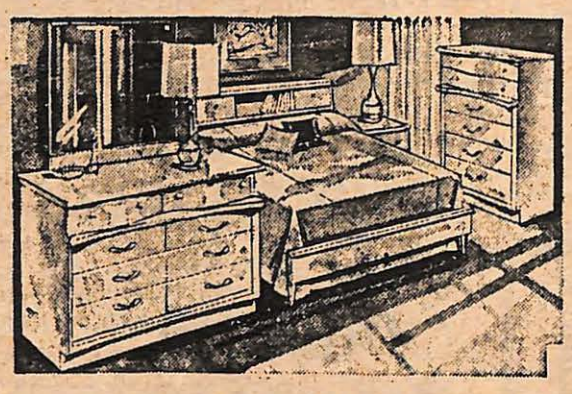
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Kennedy Guarantees Negroe's Rights

WASHINGTON–President Kennedy has appealed to a divided Congress last week to reinforce the Negroes rights n America. He appealed especially for the Negroes right to vote and to attend desegregated schools in a nation where he said "the cruel disease of discrimination" still exists everywhere.

Kennedy outlined for the first time a specific civil rights program in a special program, to Congress. He also asked for an extension of the life of the Civil Rights Commission, with expanded duties.

"The program outlined in this message, should not provide the occasion for sectional bitterness," said Kennedy.

Reports from the White House said they recognize the built in possibilities of a filibuster by the Southerners in the Senate which recently rejected a bid to clamp down on filibustering.

Since the Emancipation Proclamation of Lincoln's time, slavery has vanished but progress for the Negro has been blocked and delayed too often, said the President's message.

Kennedy believes in equality before the law. Which as he says has not always ment equal treatment and opportunity. And the harmful, wasteful and wrongful results of racial discrimination and segregation still appear in virtually every part of our nation today.

Kennedy did credit his administration with a sparkling two-year record of Civil Rights. But a broad national effort still is needed, he said. An effort embracing state and local governments, private citizens and organizations, and the congressional machinery.

President Kennedy requested the following measures to be submitted within 10 days or so as three separate bills.

I EDUCATION:

Congress to authorize a program to provide federal know-how and money to push desegregation in public schools in communities which need and seek financial aid.

II civil rights commission;

The commission will bo out of business next November unless Congress takes action. The President asked for an extension of this commission for at least 4 years. And he asked that Congress authorize it to expand into a national cleaning house to provide information, advice and technical help to any public or private agency which wants them.

III VOTING RIGHTS:

This was one of the first things mentioned by the President. More attention was given to it than any other for legislation.

Kennedy said, "the right to vote in a free America is the most powerful and precious right in the world–and it must not be denied on the grounds of race or color."

The recommendation was made by Kennedy to have priority treatment granted voting suits in federal courts. And while the suits are pending, federal referees be empowered to pass upon qualifications of would-be voters.

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BEAT AROUND THE CLOCK

BY THE NOSEY REPORTER

BRIDGEPORT, NEW HAVEN, & HARTFORD-Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) issued a preliminary report on the increase of major crimes in Connecticut's four largest cities during the past year.

The report was surprising and listed two murders in New Haven the same report as in 1961. Burglaries had a rise from 578 to 806, and robberies 9 to 16. Bridgeport and Hartford increased in murders from 7 to 9, and Bridgeport declined in robberies from 40 to 33, and burglaries from 1'074 to 893. Waterbury had one murder, 18 robberies, 3 less than last year, and a bad increase in burglaries from 494 to 638.

Two men were shot and a woman hospitalized.

E.R. of Orchard St. was admitted to Grace New Haven Hospital after he was shot by his wife I. last Sunday afternoon. The cruel wife was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

W.C. of Winchester Ave. was shot twice after an argument at a Winter St. party. A.G., of Ashmun St., is charged with assault with intent to kill. M's step-brother was arrested on a charge of breach of peace.

JUDGE TIMBERS SENTENCES BRIDGEPORT WOMAN-

BRIDGEPORT-Judge Timbers sentenced a woman recently in U.S. District Court, New Haven, after she pleaded guilty to selling narcotics, to six years in jail. However, the judge recommended E.D. the woman serve her term at the Federal Hospital, in Lexington, Ky. The woman Mrs. D.C. 34, of Bridgeport.

Another Bridgeport citizen also appearing before Judge Timbers pleaded guilty to mailing obscene letters. Mr. L.E. ECK., 52, of Bridgeport, was the bad letter sender.

NEW HAVEN-That certain man of 98 Shelton Ave., 32 year-old Mr. G.W. who felt he must bring his estranged wife back under his control regardless to police demands that he stay away. He is reported to have been arrested twice within a few hours. Mr. W.'s wife A.W., 28 of Ashmun St. called the police at 6:00 o'clock a.m., complaining that her husband had broken into her apartment, hit her, and threatened to kill her with a knife. Patrolman J. Dixon went to the address and arrested the man. However, Mr. G.W. didn't stay behind bars long for a bondman put a quick end to this. He was arrested again within a half an hour after his release. Again his wife complained that he had come back to her apartment and was battering her again. This time he was locked up without the privilege of a bondman.

That tough judge down in Circuit Court, the people are talking about and fearing to go before 6th Circuit Court Judge Rodney S. Eilson. One man was brought in on a violation the Probate Court some time ago. The man was charged with non-support due to complaints filed by his wife. The judge warned the man and promised to give him a 1 year jail sentence. The judge says the only reason that you are not going to jail for 1 year this time is that you have made some payments to your wife. However, the judge told J.L.M., 32, of Peck St. he would get a year in jail if he ever came before him again for not supporting his wife and children. The judge said, "anyone else coming before him with similar charges would also get a year in jail." he continued. "I don't intend to be paying for someone elses children and that's exactly what happens when families are put on welfare."

Connecticut Crime Beat

BY THE NOSEY REPORTER

NEW HAVEN-It has been reported that kidnapper-rapist Harold Cloud was found with a crude fashioned weapon in his possession.

The weapon was a length of wire almost a foot long and sharpened at one end to a point. This was found under Cloud's sweater just before he was scheduled to meet two psychiatrists.

The wire has been turned over to authorities for further investigation. Many believe it was for suicide purposes.

The examining psychiatrists have said that it is true that Cloud cannot remember some things, but he is able to stand trial.

Officials have attempted to find out just how Cloud came in possession with the weapon but he is evasive and said that he doesn't know how it happened to get there in his sweater.

A seventeen year old New Haven girl was saved from the Niantic State Farm for Women on morals charges because of marriage.

Mary Ann Vollano, whose testimony in Sixth Circuit Court last month resulted in a bindover for Michael Brancato on a serious morals charge, has received a discharge because she is now a lawfully wedded wife.

The witnesses found by the NAACP have reportedly backed down on earlier accusations of "pay-offs" to local police by Dixwell Ave. gaming interests.

Several witnesses when pinned down by specific questions from the Grand Jury were unable to state such particulars as which officer received a "pay-off" and on what particular date.

Three members of the detective bureau were accused of pay-offs from numbers syndicate by NAACP in New Haven. The syndicate operating assertedly in a wide open manner in the Dixwell Ave. area.

The leaders based their charges on affidavits provided for them by the witnesses.

The charges failed to hold up because of faulty identification in some instances or lack of certainty in others.

A man graduated from Yale in 1945 with his B.A. and Bachelor of Divinity degree, was caught in a trap sprung by two detectives of New Haven's Special Service Squad last week and was booked on two morals charges.

The man Edw. A. Manice, former asst. to Dean of Freshman at Yale struck up a conversation with two detectives not realizing who they were and was arrested for lewdness and assignation. He was booked and released on $500 bond. They win this time but will he try again? Spring is near.

HARTFORD-A teen mother had her children taken away from her because of cruelty and was pinched on morals charge in a Hartford hotel. The little mother was arrested along with a friend who happened to share the same room with her at the hotel. The man was booked on similar charges.

Only two months ago the pretty young girl was charged with neglecting her two children. At the hearing she told the judge that she did not want to be married and most of all she did not want her children. The children were taken away into the custody of the State Welfare Dept.

Also in Hartford a man was arrested on a morals charge following information forwarded to the Hartford Vice Squad by the man's legal wife.

Charged with the morals violations were Lloyd Chester Mitchell and Mary Garrett, after they were found together in a rooming house. We might add that the man involved was the father of seven. It was reported that the twosome shared a cramped and crowded room with a one-week-old infant. Mitchell has admitted to being the child's father. They had been living in those quarters for the past three weeks.

Mitchell is also on probation from Windham State Jail. It is not known for what offense. Oh! well some guys never wise-up.

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A cooperative is made up of a group of people who feel that they can produce, market, and/or buy goods or services to a better advantage if they do it together. The first society formed in Rochdale, England in 1844 drew up the following all over the world:

. Open membership including neutrality in race, religion and politics.

. One vote per member, not per share, and no proxy voting.

. Limited interest on Capital.

. Refund of savings according to patronage.

. Cash market prices.

. Accounts accurately kept and audited and members regularly informed concerning financial status of the organization.

. Education in cooperative methods and principles.

HOW CAN YOU JOIN THE NEW HAVEN CO-OP?

In order to become a voting member one must pay a membership fee of $1.10 (including 10¢ federal tax) plus one share ($5.00 per share) during the first year. You are expected to purchase 20 shares for full membership, but this may be at the rate of 2 shares per year. Patronage refunds may be applied toward these shares, or received in cash after above conditions are satisfied.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

Members of the Co-Op assure themselves of products at lower prices because they share in the ownership of the stores and hence in the control of their policies.

After taxes and expenses are paid, any savings made possible by cooperative ownership and operation is returned to the owner-members through (1) a dividend on investments payable after the purchase of 10 shares and (2) a refund proportionate to patronage.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP?

Shop Co-Op and talk Co-Op to your friends. The more shopping, the larger the profits to share, and the greater the possibilities of expansion.

Attend membership meetings held twice a year where the Board of Directors is elected and financial reports and recommendations are made for you to act upon.

Participate when possible in volunteer committee work-store committee, education committee, personnel committee, serving coffee in store, etc.

Keep in mind, always, the aim of cooperation-a better life for all.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP?

Limitless. People who share a common need or concern can venture into any area they choose.

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Cooperative action by people in their own communities can help them solve many problems and undertake many ventures that none can undertake alone. Cooperatives are the people's way to security and a better life for all. Try Co-Op!

FAMILY COLUMN

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5-month-old Colletta Clark daughter of Mr.& Mrs. Haskell Clark, 448 Valley St. was christened last Sunday at the Pitts-Chapel, F.W.B. church on Brewster St.

After praying over little Colletta, Rev. Austin- Atkinson the church's pastor presented a white flower to the child, and said, "May this flower bring you happiness, and may God keep you in his guidance forever."

If you have anything that you think might be interesting to other readers pertaining to your family life or your friends, please type or print neatly and send to the Open Gate News, Inc., P.O. Box 844, or call 865-1742, we will be glad to hear from you.

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